BIERCE AND RILEY.

The Sacramento Bee again jumps on Ambrose Bierce for having said in the simple frankness of his soul that James Whitcomb Riley was not a poet. The Bee argues that his last book of poems has cached the sixth edition in the East and quots some verses under the head of "Gems from Riley."

These verses do not in any way bear out the assertion that he is a

Here is a sample:

O the drum!

There is some

Intonation in the grum Monotony of utterances that strikes

the spirit damb, As we hear

Through the clear

And unclouded atmosphere Thy pelpitating syllables roll in upon

the ear! This certainly isn't much of any-

thing but fantastic rhyme, and fantastic rhyme does not constitute poetry. Reley's dialect verses suit a large Botsford.

per cent of the population. The poem that has for a refraim,

The gob-e-lin will git you, If

you don't look

Is the most popular of all Riley's verses, but no one will seriously cal such stuff poetry.

Dialect verse is always popular with the musses, not because it is good, but because the masses can't appreciate anything better.

Some one, we think it was John Hay, wrote of a man who said.

"I'll hold the nozzle agin the bank, till the last gal of's ashere, and he became a popular poet in the newspapers on the strength of that line of wretched slang.

masterful piece of verse for the Examinor called the "The Passing Show,"

No statel or poem than this has been written in America for a quarter of a century.

The grandeur of the lines and the consummate art of the versification caused the poem to strike one as a succession of magnificent churds of

It was an effort which Bierce will never surpass, no matter how long he lives, but it scarcely attracted any attention.

Rol en M. Daggett, a poet himself, and a judge of it, said of this piece of Bierce's verse:

"The poem has never been surpassed but once in the English language and that was when Gray wrote his "Elegy in a Country Church Yard."

THE WICKED FRENCH PRESS.

The American newspapers are having a delightful juning now over the Panama Canal developments.

It is amusing to note with what a look of sorrowful reproof the pious press of America gaz s on the venal journalists of the Parisian Capitol.

It has actually came out in evidence that the Panama Directors advertised very heavily in the Parisian newspapers and the said newspapers returned the obligations by puffing the great canal scheme. Awful wasn't

Now the APPEAL is of the opinion that there are not five newpapers in all America who would not have done the same thing.

We feel quite positive that had a Panama Canal Director enclosed a check to the Morning Appear for 5000 francs accompanied by an advertisment to go top of column next to reading matter for one year, that we would have the check turned into American money as soon as we could reach the Bullion Bank, and the adv, of the canal, puffs of the Directors etc., would have appeared next morn-

Of course we are only speaking for ourselves.

Possibly that Vestal Virgin of Nevada journalism, the Reno Gazette, (whats the matter with two hundred shares, Allen?) would have taken a different course and the immaculate old dame in Virginia City, the Evening Chronicle, would doubtless returned the check.

These are two of the five American journals we had in mind, when we accepted them from the general un of poor, weak, frail newspapers who work for the public good alone and expect to be rewarded in Heaven, for the good deeds on earth,

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